GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TEST- FIRING OF HATF VII BABUR MISSLE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has test-fired the Hatf-VII Babur Missile with a range of 700 K.M.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said missile is likely to pose threat to the Indian cities; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(b) Yes. Pakistan test fired Hatf-VII named as Babur missile on 22nd March 2007. It has been claimed that this cruise missile has a range of 700 km.

(c)-(d) Government carefully monitor both long-term trends and short-term developments in the security scenario in India's neighbourhood and are committed to taking all necessary steps to protect national security based on a realistic assessment of the security situation.